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MAURA CARROLL
Sophomore, Nursing

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Group promotes veggie diet

Recipe for: Vegetarians

BGSU

By Ella Fowler
Reporter

Ingredients: Online Resources To Go Veggie

- goveg.com - detailed information about how to go veggie, including a veggie starter kit
- PETA.org - information about animal rights and vegetarianism
- fishinghurts.com - information about the cruelty of fishing
- vegcooking.com - hundreds of recipes, cooking tips and meal plans
- vegsources.com - an online vegetarian community

Directions

A group on campus is hoping to promote healthy eating habits by making a simple life change — becoming vegetarian.

The BGSU Vegetarian Club hopes to raise awareness about the benefits of giving up meat by holding information sessions.

"[The BGSU Vegetarian Club] exists to promote healthy eating habits, environmental issues and animal rights issues so we can network with other vegetarians," said Junior President Aftan Baldwin, who became a vegetarian for the health reasons last April.

Although they are fighting for their cause, the group doesn't force their ideas on anybody.

"Not many know about the club and we want to reach those who are already vegetarian so we can get stuff done," said secretary sophomore Jon Cairnes. "We are not aimed at converting

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BEN LOHMAN | THE BG NEWS

BOTTLE: Prices have gone up on the orange refillable bottles sold at dining centers and residential halls.

University Dining services increases orange bottle

By Colleen Fitzgibbons
Reporter

While the need for more sustainability and environmentally friendly programs has risen, so have the prices of one of the environmentally friendly initiatives on campus.

As part of the University's "Go Green" initiative, Dining Services started selling orange reusable Nalgene bottles to their student employees last year as a promotion and then introducing them University-wide to students last fall.

When the bottles were introduced campus-wide last semester, dining halls charged \$2.67 and then 25 cents for any fountain refill after that. Starting this semester, a fountain refill increased to 59 cents.

Daria Blachowski-Dreyer, the associate director of Nutrition Initiatives, said 25 cents was an introductory price to encourage students to purchase the orange bottles.

While the refill price has risen, the cost of the bottle up front is still \$2.67.

Melissa Greene, a junior, said she thinks the raise in price is not a good idea.

"Kids already think things are so expensive," Greene said. "It's a good idea in theory; they're

just going about it in the wrong way."

However, freshman Mindy Radabaugh said the rise in refill price is no big deal to her. She said she's planning on purchasing one of the bottles and that the new hike in price is not going to stop her since it is about a 30 cent difference.

"I think that it will probably be a little bit better for the University because of the low enrollment numbers," Radabaugh said.

While students may have mixed feelings about the rise in price of the fountain drink refillable bottles, Blachowski-Dreyer said what students pay for the bottles is actually close to what the University buys them for.

She also said the University does a cost comparison with other food companies off campus. The local Speedway gas station's refill prices are \$.79 per refill, Blachowski-Dreyer said.

"It was meant to help the students; it's not a profit maker by any means of the imagination," Blachowski-Dreyer said.

While some students may think the raise in the price is unnecessary, University Sustainability Coordinator Nick

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Despite risks, youth still smoke

By Theresa Scott
Reporter

Haley Lorenzen, a 16-year-old student at Bowling Green High School, has been smoking since she was 12 years old. She said she started smoking with friends to curb boredom and it has developed into a daily habit.

"I know it is dangerous, but right now I figure that it is my choice and, yeah, I may be putting my life at risk, but I am going to die anyway," Lorenzen said. "It also really helps with all the stress in my life."

Over the past decade teen smoking has decreased dramatically, dropping from 37 percent in 1997 to 21.9 percent in 2005, according to a 2005 Center for Disease Control study.

A federal study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the brands popular with adults were also popular with 81 percent of teen smokers. Marlboro was the most popular brand among high school students, with 52 percent of students smoking the brand, 21.9 percent smoking Newport and 13 percent choosing Camel.

Lorenzen said she does not believe marketing influences her decision to smoke, but agrees that advertisements and media do make smoking look appealing.

"They make it look like everyone does it," Lorenzen said.

MOST POPULAR TEEN CIGARETTE BRANDS:

Marlboro - 52 percent
Newport - 21.9 percent
Camel - 13 percent

Source: 2009 Center for Disease Control and Prevention study

Junior Jordan Kruttsch, who began smoking 7 years ago, said he has noticed people buying different cigarettes because of the images associated with the brands. Hipsters buy Camels and "country guys" smoke Marlboros, he said.

Even though cigarette companies say they do not advertise to young people, the effects of marketing and branding still have an affect, Kruttsch said.

"I think that marketing really works. You only have to advertise once or twice and that image is associated with that cigarette," Kruttsch said. "Take Camel's graffiti packs. They look cool and so you associate that cool feeling with that cigarette. That is definitely a way to keep younger people smoking."

Kruttsch said he began smoking because his friends were. It started off small but over the years has turned into a half a

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CITY BRIEF

Suspect charged in Cla-zel assault

A Bowling Green Police investigation involving an assault of both a male and female victim was solved yesterday after officers received an anonymous tip from the Wood County Crime Stoppers concerning the suspect's identity.

Joshua Baker, 28, of Bowling Green, was arrested and charged with one count of felonious assault after he admitted to fighting with a male victim in the Cla-zel Bar on Feb. 1.

However, Baker denied injuring the female victim, who suffered from a broken nose and teeth, facial fractures and soft tissue damage after a shot glass was hurled across the bar and hit her in the face, according to police reports.

Baker said he never threw the shot



Joshua Baker
Baker was arrested and charged in assault case

glass, and was unaware a bystander had been injured that night, Lt. Tony Hetrick said.

The arrest was made around 10:30 yesterday morning at Baker's residence on Linwood Road. Police said he did not put up a struggle.

Baker is being held at the Wood County Justice Center with no bond, and he is scheduled to be arraigned at the Bowling Green Municipal Court today.

Hetrick said his court date will take place on March 2.

Freshmen applications decrease

By Kate Snyder
Assistant Campus Editor

Despite the economic situation, students are still applying to a myriad of universities. But fewer are applying here.

The University is down 8.8 percent in freshman applications from last year, and Gary Swegan, the director of admissions, thinks the economy is part of the reason why.

Nationally, one out of 10 jobs are in the auto industry, Swegan said. In Northwest Ohio, the percentage is much greater, so more local families could be in financially tight situations, he said.

And those who have applied are taking longer to commit to a school.

"I think the economy will make me, the director of admissions, much more nervous," Swegan said. "Students have slowed down their commitment-making process."

Even though fewer students have applied so far, Swegan thinks fall enrollment won't change much.

"We've made some positive changes to our [financial] aid policy," Swegan said. "We think we'll be right around where we are."

But while the University's applications have dropped, other Ohio schools have experienced a jump.

"We've actually seen a big increase in our applications this year," said Laurie Koehler, the director of admissions at Miami University.

Miami's goal is 3,500 new students enrolled in fall 2009, which is a slight increase from last year's goal of 3,450 students. Koehler thought they would reach that goal.

Koehler thought they might see a drop in out-of-state applications because more out-of-state students might opt to pay in-state tuition.

But no matter where they applied from, she also said fewer students were committing earlier.

"The families we've spoken to are waiting to compare financial aid," she said.

Greg Guzman, the vice provost for enrollment management at the University, said this year the federal government is expecting a 10 percent increase in FAFSA.

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FALL 2009 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

BGSU: 9,388 down 8.8 percent
University of Cincinnati: up 8 percent
OSU: 21,000 down 2 percent
Miami: 16,640 up 12 percent

CAMPUS BRIEF

Students briefly lose Facebook, other sites

A Tech Support worker said the University network lost access to Facebook and several other Web sites around 3:30 p.m. yesterday for 10 to 15 minutes. Tech Support had been working to get the Web sites available to on-campus computers since that time.

Facebook access returned around 11 p.m. yesterday. Tech Support declined to comment further. Go to www.bgvnews.com for updates.

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MEAT-OUT: Jessica Kuhn and John Cairnes represent the BG Vegetarian Club at the Union tables. Both sophomores were promoting the All-American Meatout in March.

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people. Many who are [vegetarian] don't know about the club so we try to get them to join."

Last semester, the group did various information sessions to inform the campus about going vegetarian. This semester, however, they are planning an All-American Meatout on March 18.

"Students would pledge not to eat meat for one day," Baldwin said. "We are hoping this will help promote the concept of being vegetarian."

The group hopes to get free T-shirts for the event and the benefits of the event for participants are personal and hopefully life changing.

"The event is geared towards the understanding of being a vegetarian," Baldwin said.

Also, the group has been contacted by the University Dining Services in an effort to offer more options for students who decide to forgo meat.

"We had a vegetarian food sampling with the head chef," Baldwin said. "We tried different things and told him which ones we didn't like."

Despite the meeting, students still haven't seen a change in the menu.

"The willingness to work with us was good. They had us do

this with them," Cairnes said. "But we shall see if anything changes."

Cairnes added he wants to get more members so the group can continue to agitate Dining Services into changing the menu.

The group, who meets at the vegetarian cafe and health food store Squeakers every other week, welcomes all.

"We welcome people who aren't vegetarian and vegan," Cairnes said. "We give them information about the environmental and ethical reasons [for being vegetarian]."

In fact, one thing the group does is support each other and new members.

"It is a great support network," said club member senior Christine Loy. "It is nice to know other people are in the same situation. It is nice to have people understand."

The meetings are not only a place for members to have a support network, but also for them to discuss their cause.

"We socialize, hangout and talk about being vegetarian," Baldwin said.

Baldwin does challenge those who don't think they could live without meat just to try it.

"I tell them to try to not eat meat a couple days a week and see how much better they feel," she said.

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Hennessy wants to remind students that "not all things that are the right thing to do are going to necessarily be cheaper or low cost."

Hennessy said the bottles actually save money in the end.

"It means that there's less paper cups that have to be used and thrown away. So that's going to be saving money because of the ultimate reduction of the number of cups," Hennessy said.

He also said the 20 oz. plastic disposable bottles often go to waste.

"I know that a lot of people buy a 20 oz. pop and think, 'Oh I'll drink some of it now and some of it later.' Well then it gets warm or they lose it or they just get tired of it," Hennessy said.

Hennessy also said the environment will be positively affected as well.

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They expect more students to apply, and they expect more students to be eligible for aid because of the economic situation.

But even though some schools' applications have increased, some don't believe the economy has much to do with it.

"Honestly, I think that it's not necessarily tied to the economy," said Tom Canepa, the associate vice president of admissions at the University of Cincinnati.

Canepa said applications increased last year too, by 20 percent. But he thought it had more to do with Cincinnati as a university than the economic situation.

Mabel Freeman, the assistant vice president of admissions for Ohio State University, said despite the economic issues, going to college is still a plan for

"It's one of the principles of sustainability is to reuse as much as you can reuse," Hennessy said. "I know recycling is too, but if you can reuse rather than recycle it's even better."

Greene, an environmental policy major, thinks even though the price increase is unneeded, the reusable bottles are more environmentally friendly.

"Our society is focused on disposable everything," Greene said. "An Aquafina bottle will sit in a landfill for 1,000 years just for your convenience."

Greene said she uses reusable bottles instead of plastic bottles that need to be recycled or thrown away because she wants to make an impact on the environment.

Blachowski-Dreyer also thinks this idea is essential and that every little bit counts.

"Even small steps can save lots of money and lots of energy and less landfills," she said.

many students.

"There are still a lot of families who have saved for college and will follow through with their plan," Freeman said.

Ohio State is down about 400 applications from last year, but Freeman said those applications are more from lower end students. She said those students are probably not willing to pay to apply to a school they may not get into.

But transfer student applications increased since last year, and Freeman said she thought many students might be looking to trade more expensive schools for less pricey ones.

But most officials agree it's too soon to tell what impact the economy may have on enrollment rates.

"This year is the biggest year for question marks," Freeman said. "These are new times. I wish we had a crystal ball."

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pack a day addiction, he said.

Though he would love to quit, Kruttsch said he was not at a place where he was ready yet.

The days of doctors recommending cigarettes on the nightly news may be over, but smoking a cigarette still does evoke emotions of a certain image, Kruttsch said.

John, a 17-year-old junior at Perrysburg High School who spoke on the condition that his last name not be used, said he believes the pressure to smoke is less than it may have been in the past, but he admits that image did play into his decision to smoke.

"I hate to admit it, but when I do smoke I kind of feel a little cooler than when I don't," John

said. "The image of smoking making you cool, or a rebel is still there even though there are Web sites and stuff that try to make it not cool."

Lorenzen said that because most of her family and friends smoke it makes it easier to continue smoking and to avoid quitting.

"Everyone around me smokes and it is so hard to quit because I have been doing it for so long, so I figure why not," Lorenzen said.

While neither Kruttsch, Lorenzen or John said they began smoking as a direct response to cigarette marketing, John admitted it might have been a factor.

"It's not like I saw an ad and thought, 'That guy looks so cool! I'm going to smoke now,'" John said. "But it may have affected me in some way."

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2:33 P.M.

David Partin, 34, of Cygnet, Ohio, was cited for theft and possession of marijuana after stealing gas and six cartons of cigarettes from Meijer. Jessica Partin, 31, of Cygnet, Ohio

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4:06 P.M.

Complainant reported unknown persons wrote "flamer" and drew a clock with a face on the driver's side door of his vehicle with permanent marker.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

1:33 A.M.

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Wellness Connection holds 'Do's and Don'ts for Spring Break' to help students

By John Payne
Reporter

Sex and money are certainly on the minds of most students preparing to embark on spring break in March. But the Wellness Connection is thinking about them too.

That's why the Wellness Connection, along with Orientation and First Year Programs, held "The Do's and Don'ts for Spring Break '09" last night in the Harshman Community Room.

Students sporadically entered the room throughout the series of informational presentations.

Patricia Donnelly of Student Money Services opened the evening by covering the basics: saving money and vacationing safely. She suggested substitutes to many wallet-draining activities, including alternative forms of entertainment, travel and dining.

"Saving money is only limited by your imagination," Donnelly said. "But it's important to be safe about it."

Students could bike or take the bus around town to save cash, she recommended. Or they could avoid pricey souve-

nirs in favor of small mementos, like sea shells or the ever-ubiquitous digital photograph.

Donnelly also stressed staying on the right side of the law, especially where alcohol is concerned.

"It's the experiences that really matter, not what you spend your money on," she told the audience.

After Donnelly's presentation, students were treated to a round of "Sex-Tac-Toe," a game that teaches about various sexually transmitted infections.

Other presentations, like "Sex on the Beach" and "Did You Ask?" also addressed every college student's favorite three-letter word.

Andy Alt, assistant dean of students, claimed the evening would be advantageous to students.

"There's a lot of information students need to know, and our presentations cover most of it," he said.

Emily Sankey, a graduate assistant for the program, said that the lessons on sex, money and safety also extended beyond one week in March.

"These are all topics pertinent to spring break, but it's all infor-

mation that students should take with them anywhere they go," Sankey said.

SPRING BREAK TIPS

Student Money Management Services suggests the following tips to save money while on spring break:

- Instead of... taking a typical spring break, try... an alternative vacation, like doing volunteer work, hiking or MTV's Alternative Spring Break.
- Instead of... accumulating tons of credit card debt, try... using and rationing cash. It's harder to buy a round for the whole club if you're paying in paper.
- Instead of... taking a cab, try... using the bus or bikes to save gas and green.
- Instead of... living on gas station snacks, try... buying food in bulk for you and your friends, and storing it in a cooler.
- Instead of... selling your soul for pricey souvenirs, try... collecting little keepsakes like sea shells, ticket stubs or photographs to remind you of your trip.

Brown Bag Lunch hopes to help women invest wisely

By Theresa Scott
Reporter

During yesterday's Brown Bag Lunch at the Women's Center, Kelly Zawierucha, a representative of Creative Financial Partners, discussed some of the problems that women face financially and encouraged women to invest wisely if they could.

In today's economic situation, it can be scary to think about investing, but it may be the best time to try, she said.

Women on average make 77 cents for every dollar a man makes, and those statistics go even lower with minorities, Zawierucha said. African American women make only 71 cents to a man's dollar and Latina women make 58 cents. Women also typically work in low paid jobs, which often offer fewer benefits, she said.

Despite these differences, most women will end up being financially responsible for themselves and 90 percent of all women will only have their own income to depend on, Zawierucha said.

"One of the things that makes me want to pull my hair out is when women think they will be able to depend on someone else," Zawierucha said. "Even though it is 2009,

"Women need to know their options ... as we see the financial crisis get worse."

Grace Mbungu | Graduate assistant

many of us still believe we will have a husband or a partner's income as well and that is so rarely the case in reality."

Zawierucha explained that in order to be prepared for retirement, women need to start planning early and often. Investing is a key factor to financial success, she said.

"One of the biggest misconceptions I get is that you have to be rich to invest," Zawierucha said. "That is not true at all. All you really need is \$50 and you can do something for your future."

However, the economy has been affecting investments and retirement plans for many people, Zawierucha said.

"I see a lot of people panicking right now, but they need to remember things will turn around," Zawierucha said. "You have to look at the market right now like everything is on sale and when the market turns you will be better off."

Grace Mbungu, a graduate assistant in the Women's Center said that yesterday's talk was particularly relevant in today's financial situation.

"Women need to know their options and I think it is so important as we see the financial crisis get worse," Mbungu said.

Ginger Harden, a Bowling Green resident who was laid off from her job as a factory worker in December, attended the Brown Bag lunch hoping to get some answers on how to make her tax refund last.

"I feel stuck because I don't have any money to invest where I want to," Harden said.

Harden, a single mother raising three teenagers, said she is constantly worrying about money and how to pay bills as the job market becomes increasingly competitive.

"I have to take care of three kids and the house payment doesn't stop just because I was laid off," Harden said. "I am just worried about everything all of the time."

Zawierucha agreed that the economy is currently troubling but encouraged those in attendance to not panic.

"If history has taught us anything, it is that the market is cyclical," she said.

Author speaks about reality, possible implications of global climate change

By Jason Henry
Reporter

Renowned freelance journalist and author Gwynne Dyer spoke in the Union theater last night about growing issues caused by climate change.

Dyer, writer of the soon to be released "Climate Wars," was a guest speaker for the University's annual Edward Lamb Peace Lecture.

The lecture has been around for about 30 years, according to Gary Silverman, chair of the department of the environment and sustainability.

"The country is looking to change the way it responds to the reality of climate change," Silverman said. "And Gwynne Dyer just finished a book on it,

so he knows all about it. He is looking at climate change as a key factor now, where we are going to have a lot of wars internationally, including [wars] involving the United States, because of changes in the climate."

Dyer started his research by traveling around the world talking to scientists and generals. Through this, he was able to come up with four specific conclusions about climate change.

"The first is, that it is not only real, but ... that it is coming a lot faster than even the most recent report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which only came out in 2007, suggests," he said. "Much faster."

The report predicts the climate would increase by 1.8 and 6.4 degrees Celsius over the entire 21st century, he said.

"Not a single scientist I interviewed believed that described reality, not one, anywhere," Dyer said. "They all think it's much worse than that."

"It is happening in quite the way they predicted, but it is happening far faster," he said.

His second conclusion was that there will likely be wars caused by climate change.

"The principal impact of climate change ... is going to be on the food supply," Dyer said. He added that food will be unable to grow in certain countries because the temperature will be too high during crop season, causing a worldwide shortage

of food.

"Countries in trouble will have to starve or move," Dyer said. "Or attack their neighbors."

He gave an example of Pakistan and India, who share water supplies, fighting over the use of them as water for crops becomes more scarce.

His third conclusion was that there is a point of no return for the climate, which Dyer puts at around a two-degree increase.

"There is a point of no return, a deadline, and we are going to blow through it," Dyer said.

He said there needs to be more focus on stopping consumption of fossil fuels through alternatives such as nuclear power, wind farms, solar power or even geothermal power,

which is using high pressure water and hot rock beneath the earth's surface to create steam power.

He said more developed countries, such as the U.S., have to lead the way by taking more responsibility because they are responsible for most of the issues that are developing. We have to take big cuts now and then transfer that technology to developing countries, he said.

"We built the cliff that everyone is standing on," Dyer said. "We are all in this together, but the responsibilities are not the same."

His final conclusion was that there are ways the world can cheat at fixing the climate issues, through geo-engineering. He suggested two ways

governments can control the climate to avoid the point of no return. One way is to put sulfur into the atmosphere and use it to reflect heat, similar to actions observed near volcanoes. The other suggestion he offered is placing sea water in to low-lying clouds to reflect heat.

"People talk about saving the planet, [but] we are not saving the planet, the planet is fine. It does not need our help," Dyer said. "What we are trying to do is save the climate we like, the climate that lets us ... live at this comfort. So be honest about that."

"We figured out what we are doing wrong too late to just let the natural systems fix themselves," he said. "I think that's the case; I hope I'm wrong."

GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

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BTSU Information Desk

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Exhibit #10: "Trans Art: Visions of Gender Diversity"
Student Union

8 p.m.

"The Trojan Women" by Euripides
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8 p.m.

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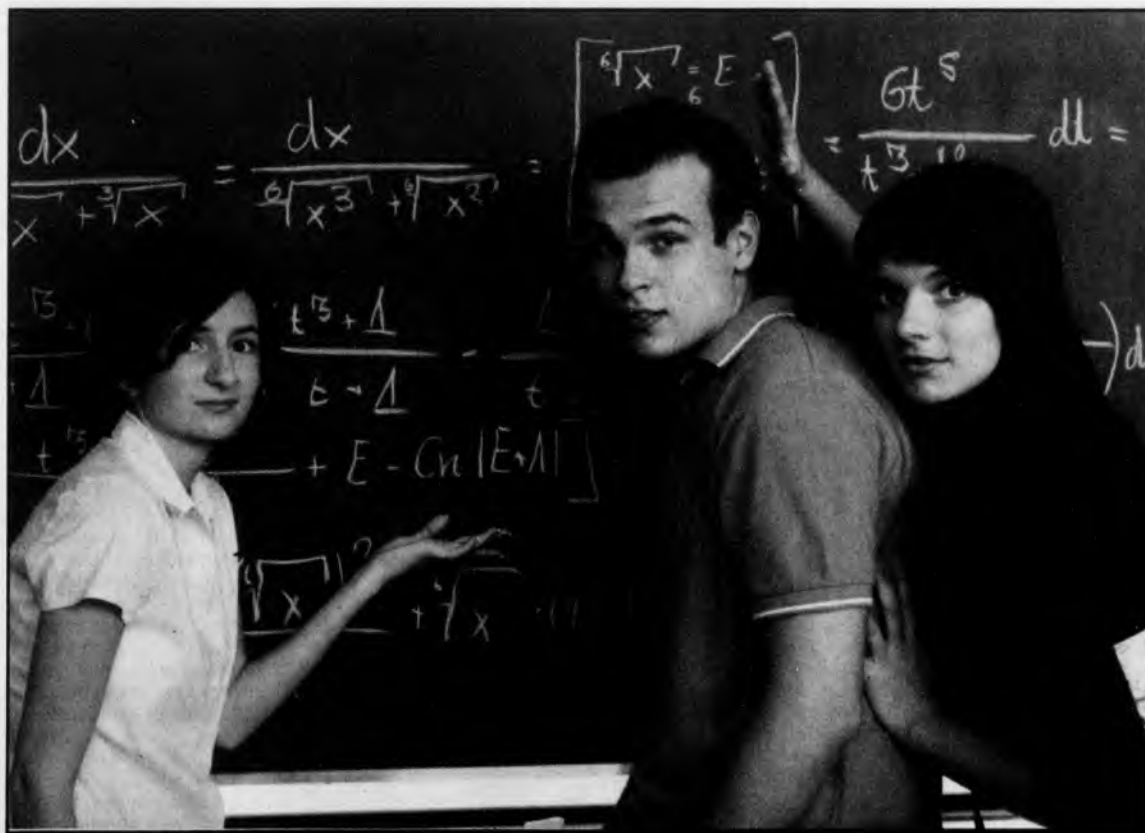
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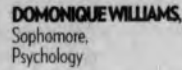
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Slacking off in college wastes students' time and 'hard-earned' tuition money

By Daniel Feeney
U-Wire

As we head to class, we are preparing to receive a precious commodity: education. Each year we prove how precious this commodity is by doling out thousands upon thousands of dollars to pay for tuition, books, and room and board.

Enrolling in our classes, however, we demonstrate how we often do not hold UCLA, and ourselves, liable for ensuring we get the best education possible. By using Web sites such as BruinWalk to avoid poorly rated professors, we are failing to hold UCLA accountable for the occasionally bad, sometimes terrible, professors. In the future, UCLA must provide an improved system, whether it is BruinWalk, student evaluations or something else, of ensuring that professors are held responsible for actually teaching the class material.

Each quarter thousands of students head to the well-known Web site bruinwalk.com to check out what their potential professors will be like. Students carefully look at who is teaching their courses,

attempting to avoid those professors whose descriptions on BruinWalk read, as one professor's did, "WORST WORST professor I've had in any school." The professor who is incoherent, who often goes off on pointless tangents, who includes material that he or she never lectured about on tests, the student's worst nightmare.

Every so often students cannot avoid taking classes with the feared bad professor. At this juncture, students are forced to sacrifice quality education for the necessity of filling one of their requisite classes.

Paul Bioche, a first-year electrical engineering student, said one of his professor's lectures "are so pointless that (he) stopped going." Bioche also said the professor seems very intelligent, "but he just can't teach."

Instead Bioche said he attends another professor's lectures so he can at least learn and prepare for his classes next quarter, while only showing up for his professor's quizzes and tests.

Being forced to potentially sacrifice a grade in one class in order to learn is not some-

thing that you should have to worry about with tuition over \$7,000. Many students feel a frustration similar to Bioche's, a frustration that led him to ask: "If you don't learn anything from a professor and just learn everything on your own, then what is UCLA about?"

UCLA, as an institute of higher education, should be holding its professors to a much higher standard of accountability. While we are aware that professors with well-known names and impressive resumes are important to the prestige of the university, the primary function of this university should be to teach undergraduates. By allowing professors who cannot (or simply don't try to) teach to continue lecturing, the value of a UCLA degree is being degraded and our money appears to be squandered.

I will be the first to admit that I do occasionally slack on my work if I think I can get away with it. But in order for us to get the most out of our education, we should pause to realize how important it is that we put our best foot forward in understanding the material. We often listen to friends talk

about the easy "A" they got in one class, or we use BruinWalk in order to find a ridiculously easy General Education.

As tempting as it may be to use a class as a GPA booster, it would be far more productive in the long run if we took the classes that truly interested us or courses that are useful, regardless of their difficulty. Attending college would be a waste of four years if we looked at it as only a necessary waiting period for a piece of paper with a GPA to get into graduate school or to get a job. When we do not always take our classes seriously, when we are slacking off in our studies, we are wasting our time and our (or our parents') hard-earned money.

Accountability is important with any purchase we make. We would not go to a car dealership, buy a car and simply accept that it has broken down on the way home. Nor would we bump the car into things and generally treat it in an off-hand, uncaring manner. Just as we would not treat our car this way, we should not treat our education in such a fashion, failing to take it seriously enough or allowing it to fail us.

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they were less than concerned with us. Do we really all forget so quickly that this is the same USG which changed the minds of seven city council members on the Section O issue and prevented our homes from being invaded by city inspectors?

Tell me, did we all forget the reason this is a \$60 fee and not a \$50 fee is because we have all been begging for new parking lots for years, and \$10 of the fee will go to give us just that?

I have seen all the positive things USG has done for us and I trust the Stroh Center is the right step for us right now. But don't take my word for it; if you still disagree, run for USG and change it yourself. Meanwhile leave those resume-padding, brown-nosing and careless senators alone to continue doing what they have been doing all year long—protecting our rights and our future.

Respond to Alaina at theneus@bgnews.com

Unpaid internships not worth it

By Shaun Webelow
U-Wire

There I sat contemplating the news — "Mr. Charles will call you at 9:30 a.m. for your phone interview." I had never had a formal job interview, yet alone a long distance one over the telephone. There was some upside to not having to interview face-to-face I figured; I had time to plan out exactly how I wanted everything to go. Would I dress up in a suit to put myself in the interview mind set? Would I be more comfortable and relaxed if I did the interview au naturel? What questions could I possibly be asked? How would I respond? After jotting down some brief notes, and after deciding that regular clothing would suffice, I was seemingly ready for the interview.

As expected, the interview did not go completely as expect-

ed. It was slightly less formal than I had imagined, and I was surprised how genuinely interested the president of the Charles Group seemed to be in my background and beliefs. There were very few if any generic questions such as "Why do you want this internship?" and many more open-ended discussion questions such as "So how do you think we can get out of this current economic crisis?" I was also pleased to hear Charles speak about what his career objectives were as a college student, what kind of work he does now and what direction he wants to take his company.

After 30 minutes had quickly elapsed, Charles explained some of the perks interning with the Charles Group in Washington, D.C., could have — eating lunch with Justice Scalia and Justice Alito, attend-

ing daily Congressional hearings and possibly taking a private tour of the Oval Office and West Wing. Charles then said that he was thoroughly impressed with my qualifications, and based on my resume and interview, he would like to extend me a formal invitation to intern with the Charles Group over the summer. Things could not have gone any better. That is until the closing seconds of our conversation when Charles uttered, "Unfortunately, we cannot afford to pay any of our interns at this time. However, we will be happy to work with your school to get you credit for your work."

For me, what appeared over the phone to be an invaluable opportunity, in reality, became an impossible opportunity. As interesting, engaging and mentally stimulating the work that I would be performing with

the Charles Group seemed to be, I could not afford to live in Washington, D.C., for a summer without any income. Though I was not thrilled with the idea of working for academic credit either, it became insignificant when I found out that ILR does not grant credit for summer internships anyway. Hence I was introduced to a fundamental student dilemma — the unpaid internship.

According to Vault, a career information website, "84 percent of college students in April planned to complete at least one internship before graduating." Furthermore, half of all internships are unpaid. The latter of these findings was somewhat shocking to me. This led me to wonder: How can students afford to work for three months without getting paid? Do some students choose unpaid internships simply due to a lack of

other choices? Are there really benefits to some unpaid internships that we cannot put a price on? Though I do not have definite answers to these questions, I think that they are topics worth exploring.

The first question I pose raises a serious argument that unpaid internships favor more affluent students and those who can afford to forgo summer wages. The cost of an unpaid internship in D.C., which I estimate is \$6,500 (\$2,500 in housing/food costs, and \$4,000 in lost wages), is far too high for me to possibly contemplate accepting. Furthermore, my parents, who thankfully contribute what they can towards my tuition during the school year, are unwilling to subsidize any of the costs towards me interning in D.C.

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Knowing what you're paying for is important in these times



KYLE REYNOLDS
IN FOCUS EDITOR

You pay it every semester, or at least your parents or perhaps a scholarship does. It is your tuition. This month's In Focus will explore where your tuition dollars and other student fees go. General, instructional, graduation, credit hour and class fees are all discussed.

With the current state of the economy, more and more people want to know where their money is going. Especially after USG's endorsement of the Stroh Center earlier this week, which may result in another \$60 student fee, a lot of interest has been generated in how students' money is spent at the University. Additional information on the University's budget is available on the homepage for Office of Budgeting and Resource Planning at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/budget/index.html>.

Sports make up majority of general fees in students' tuition bills

By Gina Potthoff
Managing Editor

Though the Stroh Center construction has raised questions pitting academics versus athletics, some students may not be aware of what they are already contributing to University sports. A \$90 recreational sports facilities fee and a \$266 intercollegiate athletics fee are part of the \$633 general fee students pay each semester. Stephen Kampf, assistant vice

president for Student Affairs and director of Recreational Sports, said by paying the \$90, full-time students have access to all Student Recreational Center facilities and Perry Field House. "You can't get a membership at any place for that price," he said. Kampf said the recreational sports fee will likely decrease in fall 2009, but he won't know by how much until closer to the fall. While full-time students pay

the \$90 fee upfront, those going part-time pay \$9 per credit hour and must pay the remaining amount directly to the Rec Center to be able to use the facilities. The \$90 pays for student employment, operating costs and facilities, said Cathy Swick, assistant director of the Rec Center. Kampf said the Rec Center operating costs are higher than other buildings on campus because of the hours they are

open and the amount of traffic they receive. Only non-academic buildings like the Rec Center, the Field House and the Union have to pay their own heating bills, he said. Though the \$90 fee cannot be waived, Swick said students get their money's worth. "Money goes right back to students. I don't know how many buildings on campus get

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Student fees make up 62 percent of BGSU's revenue

By Kyle Reynolds
In Focus Editor

The recent USG approval for the Stroh Center has brought up a lot of discussion between students on whether they should be footing the bill for the mortgage of the facility, but students may not know what other fees they are paying in their tuition bill.

According to the University's 2008-09 budget, the primary source of the University's revenue is through student fees, which currently makes up 62 percent of University's revenue at \$171,298,328. State appropriations make up 32 percent at \$88,309,467 and other revenues, primarily consisting of investments, make up 6 percent, or \$16,102,774. The University's total revenue is \$275,710,569. There are two primary fees paid by all stu-

dents, instructional and general fees. Also included in tuition is a \$7 waivable Student Legal Services fee, additional class fees and room and board fees for students living on campus. The general fee for students is currently \$633 per semester. This fee can be broken down into six categories of fees.

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Type of general fee charge	What is this fee used for?	How much do full-time students pay per semester	How much money overall is allocated to this category
Debt Service and Facility Charges for Bonded Buildings	Goes towards building repairs and paying off mortgages. Currently students pay fees for Union and Field House mortgages. After the completion of the Stroh Center, a \$50 fee to pay off their mortgage could take effect.	\$159.01	\$5,399,388
Student Services Performed Via Auxiliary Services	Covers operating support for student services, including athletics, athletic facilities, the Union and the Health Center.	\$445.34	\$15,520,838
Student Budget Committee	Gives financial support to campus organizations, including student government, campus media and student groups.	\$21.22	\$720,682
Office of Student Life	Gives financial support to off-campus student services and spirit organizations including commuter student programming, SIC, SIC and Freddie and Frieda.	\$1.27	\$43,007
Student Program Enhancement Account	Covers printing costs for University handbooks, student-centered event costs and student organization special programming.	\$1.81	\$61,348
Funded Personnel	Covers the majority of the salaries for the Director of Student Publications and the secretary in the GSS Office.	\$4.35	\$147,973

PROPOSED 2008-09 GENERAL FEE AND RELATED AUXILIARY BUDGETS

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Graduation fee helps cover commencement

By Stephanie Spencer
Reporter

An extra \$35 could mean another trip to the grocery store this week or more than a week's worth of gas. It's also the final cost of a college career. Thousands of dollars are paid in full before the exuberant jaunt across the commencement stage, but the pomp and circumstance too, comes with a hefty price tag. Every University student is required to pay the \$35 regardless of attendance at graduation ceremonies, upon submitting their graduation application. The fee is non-refundable, meaning that even if students apply and end up not graduat-

ing that semester they will have to pay the fee again every time the graduation application is processed. The extra cost to students can be blamed on the tuition freeze all across the state of Ohio said Joe Oravec, associate vice president of Student Affairs. "As our costs are rising, it means less services for the students and the impact of the services we can provide," Oravec said. This can mean larger classes, crumbling campus buildings, and extra fees tacked on to student's bills that could normally be added to the general undergraduate Bursar tab. And the University is not alone.

Owens Community College requires \$10-\$20 depending on the degree and Eastern Michigan University charges \$95. Although some of the money goes to the ceremony, it also covers other necessary nuts and bolts. First, commencement is always on a Friday or Saturday, meaning that faculty and staff working these days are paid overtime. Then there are the diplomas, the diploma covers and transcripts. Even those who choose not to be present need these precious papers after graduation is over. Stuffing the envelopes, mailing the diplomas and paying for postage is usually the end of the process. But that's behind the scenes.

There's still the cost of putting on the whole production. Music, set up and take down, as well as prepping a huge space for a massive amount of people. "Think of people putting on weddings," Oravec said. Seniors at the University of Toledo don't have to pay extra in January to walk in May, because they have been paying the fee in small increments for four years. Instead of a couple of bags of groceries a semester, it's the price of a soup and sandwich. John Strunk, the media go-between for UT, said that a special service fee was added in 2002, before the tuition freeze, at \$6.50 per student.

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Refunds for class fees decrease throughout the semester

By John Buckingham
Reporter

Registering for classes can be a tricky business. While many students often overschedule in the first week of classes, in order to have some breathing room in their schedules, it's important not to wait too long to decide which classes to drop. According to the BGSU Web site, students who drop classes during the calendar week in which the semester begins will receive 90 percent of tuition and

Tuition and Fees Refund Schedule

(fall and spring semester)

- 100% Refund prior to the official start of classes
- 90% Refund during the calendar week in which the semester begins
- 80% Refund during the 2nd calendar week of classes
- 60% Refund during the 3rd calendar week of classes
- 40% Refund during the 4th calendar week of classes

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that many students... you have to look at how many students use the facility," she said, adding about 2,600 students per day use the Rec Center Monday through Friday.

In addition to the recreational sports fee, students pay a separate \$266 to intercollegiate athletics, which allows students free admission to BGSU varsity athletic events.

"[The fee] amounts to roughly \$8.5 million total. In turn, we pay the University about \$6 million for the room, board and tuition for the 425 student-athletes—so about 70 percent of the general fee paid by students ultimately goes back to the University," Athletic Director Greg Christopher said in an email.

Students cannot waive the fee, Associate Athletic Director James Elsasser said. Though Athletics receives the biggest chunk of student general fee dollars, the fee is like any other students pay for University services, he said.

"Athletics is not the only [group] that receives general fee dollars," Elsasser said.

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Upon the completion of the Stroh Center students may be paying a \$60 fee as part of their general fees going towards paying the mortgage for the facility and improved campus parking.

Students are currently paying off the mortgages for the Union, which opened in 2002 and Perry Field House, which opened in 1993.

Despite the current tuition freeze at the University the fee could go into effect because there is some flexibility with the freeze that allows an increase in tuition lower than 3 percent, said Geof Tracy, director of budgeting.

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"Now people can go diploma and transcript crazy," he said of students who want copies of extras after they graduate. Commencement is another line on the budget for UT every year.

Ultimately, there is a ques-

The instructional fee is \$3,889.

The Office of Budgeting and Resource Planning no longer breaks down what percentage of student's instructional fee money goes to particular categories and instead combines the student fees with the other forms of revenue and allocates money that way, Tracy said.

This fee primarily covers faculty and administrative staff salaries, operating costs, student employment and graduate students within the various departments.

This year the same percentage of student fees was allocated to Student Affairs as in the previous year, said Kathleen Close LeRoy, director of Student Affairs budgets and administra-

tion about whether students really care about the extra fees or if they notice at all.

Of the people that attend the celebration in May, most of them, students and parents alike, may not really care. A minor frustration, another way for the University to pick through the pocket lint to grab some last-minute extra funds.

Junior Sarah Jones was not

tion.

She said once a certain percent is allocated toward a certain category within Student Affairs that percent is generally allocated in the same way the following year, although it varies based on economic factors.

The state budget is created on a biennial basis, but the University's budget is created annually, said Tracy.

Despite the tougher economic times Ohio is experiencing compared to when the budget for the current academic year was created in June 2008, Tracy said he doesn't see any substantial changes in state funding for the University.

"The governor is still trying to hold us harmless and keep our budget intact," Tracy said.

even aware of the changes made in the last few years.

A transfer student and upper-classman, she's just going through the final push before senior year.

"I think it depends on the person, so it's not out of my bank account," she said. "I'm out of state too, so it's on top of tuition for that already."

Type of instructional fee charge	How much money overall is allocated to this category.
College of Arts and Sciences	\$37,343,908
College of Business Administration	\$9,847,308
College of Education and Human Development	\$12,275,343
College of Health and Human Services	\$5,481,059
College of Technology	\$3,508,667
College of Musical Arts	\$5,003,445
Graduate College	\$39,336,997
Continuing and Extended Education	\$10,194,646
Special Programs and Study Abroad Programs	\$1,545,164
Provost Area Academic Services	\$5,789,858
Provost Area Academic Programs	\$1,111,737
Provost Office	\$5,994,104
President's Office	\$2,374,632
Finance and Administration	\$15,781,544
President's Office	\$2,374,632
Finance and Administration	\$15,781,544
University Advancement	\$3,165,174
Student Affairs	\$4,641,023
Executive Vice President's Office	\$21,390,526
University Libraries	\$7,195,956
Undistributed Central Expenses	\$13,598,008
Benefits	\$39,852,470
Scholarships	\$30,279,000

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fees paid, while those who drop in the second, third and fourth weeks will receive 80, 60 and 40 percent of tuition and fees respectively.

Luckily, most students will be paying the same price regardless.

Interim Associate Bursar Lynn Hubers said many students don't realize that between 11 and 18 credits full-time fees are the same and any change in classes from 18 to 11 credits does not result in a refund as long as a student is considered full-time.

"It really is cheaper because you're getting more for your

money," she said. "If I register for 11 hours I'm gonna pay the same as if I was registered for 18 hours."

The only time most students run into problems with the refund schedule is when they drop a class with additional fees. Although full-time fees are not subject to a refund between 11 and 18 credits, the additional fees for courses such as math and english are subject to the refund schedule.

"Every scenario is kind of unique," Hubers said.

Senior Chris Daigneault takes advantage of this fact and registers for more classes than he needs so that he can pick and choose between his classes.

"I basically look for classes that

I'm interested in," Daigneault said. "It's normally in the [general education] classes because once you get up to the higher level courses there's not much to pick from."

In order to stay within the refund schedule policy, Daigneault normally registers for 18 credits, then drops his least-favorite class, bringing his schedule down to manageable 15 credits with no change in fees.

"Once that first day comes I get the syllabus and kind of see the culture of the class," he said. "Then I can make a decision within the first week what class is going to be too much reading or has a lot of exams, and then I can drop that class and it doesn't affect my tuition bill at all."

Daigneault has the ability to shop around as a senior now because of good planning.

"I just spaced out my [general education classes]," Daigneault said. "I've never had a semester where it was 15 credit hours [of] all business classes. They told me 'If you don't space it out it's going to be all business all the time and you're going to get sucked in'. I kind of have fun classes now."

However, Daigneault said he wouldn't shop around if doing so increased his tuition bill and caused him to lose money.

"If [adding and dropping classes] was going to change my bill I would not do it at all," he said. "I would just hope for the best."

As a music major, sophomore Greg Wolfram took 23 credits last semester, and felt the sting of the refund policy when he had to drop some classes mid-semester and didn't get a single cent thanks to the refund schedule.

"[The work] was too much to handle," he said. "The reason I dropped it is because my professor kept not showing up to class and just telling us to do the homework and e-mailing us. Sometimes I don't think professors think that much about how much money you're paying to be here."

Wolfram feels the policy should be changed to benefit the students rather than penalize them for dropping classes.

"It's just a lot of money to take classes here," Wolfram said. "I took out loans I'm paying back as I go through school."

Although many students may dislike the refund policy, Hubers said the policy exists because students take up a place in a class which someone else could have registered for.

"Think of it like an airplane or a hotel, you're reserving a spot," she said. "When you withdraw there's a penalty and later you withdraw the bigger the penalty."

And students don't really have much say in the matter, the policy was established by the board of trustees and has been around since the University was established.

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GYMNASTICS

Breanne Guy earns second straight MAC Gymnast of the Week award

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Today in Sports History

1935—NY Yankees release Babe Ruth, he signs with Boston Braves.

The List

With spring training games officially started, we're taking an early look at the top five World Series contenders for the new season.

1. New York

Yankees: Year in and year out, they have one of if not the strongest lineups in baseball. Now they have two pitchers they paid almost half a billion dollars to get, that will make their rotation one to be feared by the rest of the American League.

2. Chicago Cubs: The Cubs fell flat on their faces in last year's National League playoffs against the Los Angeles Dodgers. This year, the 101st anniversary of their last World Series title, the Cubs might finally have the pieces in place for a championship.

3. Tampa Bay Rays:

The Rays will prove that last season wasn't a fluke by contending for a World Series title once again this season. They have a strong young pitching staff, great defense and a solid lineup.

4. Boston Red Sox:

Red Sox nation is probably getting restless. It's been two whole years since they last won a championship, and now they'll have to get through the toughest division in baseball history. The thing is, they just might be able to.

5. Philadelphia

Phillies: They're the defending champs, and that gets them the five spot.



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YOU'RE ON: FSN Detroit was in Bowling Green on Saturday to cover the hockey game against Michigan State. In doing so, they had all of the angles covered.

Ready for their close up

FSN Detroit covered the Falcons' most recent hockey game against MSU

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

In addition to the usual audience, BG's 4-0 win over Michigan State on Saturday had more viewership than the usual CCHA hockey game.

Broadcast on Fox Sports Net Detroit, the game fit perfectly into the networks schedule as the teams and the CCHA agreed to move the game up 5 pm for added television exposure.

"It was a perfect combination of CCHA cooperation to get better television exposure," said Tim Bryant, FSN's director of media relations. "Our crew really

enjoyed Bowling Green. They were treated really well."

There might have been an even larger audience considering the game lead up to FSN's broadcast of the Redwings against Minnesota game.

Preparation for the 5 pm broadcast started early Saturday as the production truck arrived behind the University Ice Arena at 10 a.m. After powering up the truck FSN's crew continued with setting up the seven cameras and the four effect microphones at ice level.

The crew also filmed pre-game interviews with players and coaches around two hours before the telecast. While the crew started game preparation

the day of the broadcast, color commentator and CCHA associate commissioner Fred Pletsch started his game preparation almost a week before.

"I probably started preparing to broadcast on Tuesday, in all I've probably put around 9 hours of preparation into the game," Pletsch said.

During the game Pletsch and play-by-play announcer Dan Dickerson, were aided by the production truck, which allowed for multiple shots throughout the contest.

According to Bryant, FSN Detroit has a loyal CCHA audience and the game, coupled with the time convenience allowed for optimal viewership on Saturday.



BEN LOMAN | THE BG NEWS

GO TIME: Joe Jakubowski and the Falcons enter a three game stretch tonight against three fellow 8-4 MAC East opponents.

Falcons to host Kent State tonight

By Jason Jones
Assistant Sports Editor

The men's basketball team will host the Kent State Golden Flashes in a huge Mid-American Conference East division game tonight at Anderson Arena.

Both teams currently are tied for second place in the division.

BG, 15-11 (8-4 MAC), will enter the game having won seven of their last nine, while Kent State, 16-11 (8-4 MAC), has reeled off nine straight victories.

"The next game is always the most important one," head coach Louis Orr said.

Through the ups and downs of the Falcons recent games, Orr has managed to keep the team from getting too low. Despite crushing losses to the likes of

Canisius and Eastern Michigan, Orr has done a good job of moving his team forward.

Kent State is being regarded as the hottest team in the conference coming into tonight's meeting.

After a slow start that saw the Golden Flashes fall to 1-4, they've gone on a tear and easily have momentum in their corner.

"We know they go on runs. We can't let those runs end the game," sophomore Chris Knight said.

In the Falcons' first meeting with Kent State in early January, BG battle to a half-time tie. Then BG shot a dismal 23.0 percent from the field in the second half and lost by a final score of 72-48.

That was a seemingly different BG team though.

Since that night the Falcons have transformed into a team that is capable of winning games on the road, and that has made them into a conference contender.

Had it not been for the team's slip up against EMU, BG would currently be on sole possession of first place.

Nate Miller will enter the game fresh off a career day against Canisius in which he scored 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Miller, who now averaging 12.7 points and 6.9 rebounds on the year, each a team high, will once again be looked to step it up for the Falcons.

With Chris Knight still out do

Pontius lifts BG past Buffalo for 24th straight

By Jason Jones
Assistant Sports Editor

The Buffalo Bulls gave the Falcons all they wanted and more last night. But in the end, BG prevailed, winning 89-82, making it 24 straight victories for the Falcons.

BG, 24-2 (13-0 MAC), jumped out to an early lead in front of a crowd of only 530 people. At the half, BG led 34-28, and once again looked to be in control.

The second half saw a huge comeback by lowly UB, 5-21 (1-12 MAC), as the Bulls went on a big run and pulled ahead by six points with 10:19 to play in the second half.

BG then managed to make a comeback of their own and led 66-64 with 0:56 to play in regulation.

Buffalo then hit a jump shot with 0:13 to play that tied the game. After Lauren Prochaska missed a layup as time expired, the game was sent into overtime.

Once in overtime, Tracy Pontius took over.

With BG trailing 73-70 with 3:17 to play, Pontius went on an amazing streak that saw her hit five consecutive three pointers. By the end of the run, BG led 85-82.

With BG leading 87-82 following a field goal from Lindsey Goldsberry, Buffalo began fouling, and Pontius his the last two.

Pontius finished with a game



Tracy Pontius

Had 27 points, 17 of which came in overtime.



Niki McCoy

Had 16 points and 10 rebounds for a double-double.

high 27 points, 17 of which came in the overtime period.

Pontius' 17 points in the overtime period were more than any other single player on her team.

Niki McCoy came up big in her second game back with the Falcons. McCoy finished the game with a double-double, with 16 points and 10 rebounds off the bench.

The Bulls did a good job of keeping Prochaska in check, holding her to just 15 points on 5-20 shooting from the field.

The win marks the 109th win of Goldsberry's storied BG career. She now has more wins than anyone else in program history.

Now the Falcons will take a few days off before returning to the court on Saturday when they will host the Kent State Golden Flashes.

One storyline to watch closely will be that of McCoy, who made a push to start last night.

MEN

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to an injury suffered in the team's game against Buffalo a week ago, Miller has been forced to play closer to the basket on defense.

"Chris, he'll get up there, me I'm

not that tall, so it's hard," Miller said.

The game will mark the start of a three game span that will likely decide the fate of the Falcons. After tonight's game BG will go on the road for games against Akron and Miami, the two other teams with 8-4 confer-

ence records, each of which, like Kent State, currently hold the tie breaker with BG.

It has all come down to this last stretch for BG. A regular season MAC championship is within reasonable reach, the Falcons just have to do what they need to do to take it.



MATT YORK | AP PHOTO

HE'S BACK: Tiger Woods looked good yesterday in his return to the PGA Tour.

Woods back in action for match play

By Tim Dahlberg
The Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Tiger Woods had a little extra time before he finally began the comeback that golf fans have awaited since a magical Monday last summer on the Pacific coast. So he ate his second banana of the day as he strode toward the first tee and a date with Brendan Jones.

Eight months had passed since he last hit a shot that really counted, so seven extra minutes past his scheduled tee time hardly mattered. Not to the sun-baked crowd that strained to get a glimpse of him yesterday, and certainly not to the greatest player of his time.

The fans who yelled out his name from the time he first walked to the driving range in a light blue shirt didn't seem to doubt that they would see the Tiger of old. But they might not have expected to see so much of him so soon, with two eagles helping him overcome three bogeys en route to winning his match over Jones on the first day of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

"I felt good," Woods said after he closed out Jones with a 3-foot par on the 16th hole for a 3-and-2 victory. "I got off to a quick start."

An 8-iron that came to rest

within 5 feet of the first hole was the initial indication that everything was as good as Woods insisted it was in the days before his first tournament since winning the U.S. Open. Woods had barely digested his banana and already he was one hole up over Jones.

But it was the middle iron that soared majestically toward the green on the par-5 second hole was what golf had really been missing the last 253 days.

"Gawd, look at that!" someone behind Woods screamed.

Look they did, and Woods looked along with them. Leaning forward on his surgically repaired left knee as he tracked the ball through the air, Woods gave an abbreviated pump of his fist after the ball settled down just four feet short of the hole.

The putt was conceded for eagle, and Woods was suddenly 2-up over Jones, an Australian whose ranking as the 64th best golfer in the world made him the last player to qualify for the tournament, and also the first to face Woods. He did so good-naturedly, even though it meant a trip all the way from Australia for what everyone assumed would be a short day on the course.

For a few holes, that's what it seemed would happen. But the

long layoff between competitive rounds meant there would be moments where the rust showed on Woods' game, and Jones was able to stay within shouting distance as Woods made three bogeys on the front nine.

One of those bogeys came on the fifth hole, where Woods hit his drive into the rough, then dumped his second shot into a greenside bunker. Staring at the offending ball after it left his club, Woods shouted an expletive.

For the record, it was 59 minutes into the round. The will to compete was very much alive.

Jones, like Woods, is 33 and plays golf for a living. But that's about all he and the most celebrated player on the planet had in common before they met on the first tee of a desert course that winds through thousands of giant saguaro cactuses.

The setting was in stark contrast to the U.S. Open that Woods won in his last outing before undergoing surgery for a torn anterior cruciate ligament. That was a major championship won in a playoff that will live in golf lore, while this was the first round of a five-day tournament on a new course north of Tucson.

The only similarity was that there was still magic in the air.

Men's golf suffers bad start in Hilton Head

By Bill Bordewick
Reporter

This was probably not the start to the spring season that the men's golf team had hoped for.

The team finished in 14th place out of 16 teams and when the tournament ended they were 76 strokes behind tournament winner South Carolina-Aiken.

BG finished with a disappointing score of 973 compared to SC-Aiken's 897.

"I never thought it would turn out that way," said BG coach Garry Winger. "We worked hard all winter and to have it turn out like that is disappointing—especially because we practiced in something that we haven't had in ten years [in reference to the new Falcon Golf Training Facility]."

The Falcons high team scores for the tournament can be determined just by looking at the amount of individual rounds in the 80's.

Of the 15 individual rounds that the Falcons played over the three rounds of the tournament, only three of those were in the 70's. The final round also saw no Falcon golfer break into the 70's. "For not one person to break 80 in the final round is very tell-

ing to me," Winger said. "Maybe it's not the course to start out on for us."

Winger alluded to the fact the narrowness of the course with out of bounds coming into play on just about every hole may have played a big part in the high scores.

Freshman Parker Hewitt was responsible for two of those rounds in the 70's by posting a 78 in the first round and a 76 in the second round. Hewitt closed out the tournament with an 81 in round three and finished the tournament with a score of 235 good for 35th place.

Drew Preston, another freshman tallied the other low Falcon round for the tournament by posting a 78 in round two.

"I'm going to take the blame for this one," Winger said of the team's performance in general. "We worked so hard in there and forgot about the other aspects of the game—I should have prepared the team better."

Preston and junior Matt Schneider each finished in a tie for 58th place by posting a score of 245 over the course of the three rounds.

Rounding out the Falcon scoring were Bryan Mitchell (249) and Chad Walker (256) who finished in a tie for 67th place and

76th place respectively.

Roberto Diaz from South Carolina-Aiken won the individual portion of the tournament by posting a score two under par score of 214 for the three round tournament.

One factor for the poor performance of the team may have been the absence of the injured John Powers—who was rated as the 4th best golfer in the MAC during the fall season.

"I do know that we need John Powers and we need John Powers in the lineup," Winger said. "But given the scores out there, one player was not going to make a difference."

Powers is still recovering from a broken wrist sustained during the off-season.

Winger noted that Powers was held out of the lineup because the junior was unable to generate any power in his swing until Tuesday. The coach also said that Powers had experienced soreness Sunday and Monday.

The Falcons will look to shake this one off and get back to playing quality tournaments as they had to Palmas Del Mar Humacao, Puerto Rico to compete in the 2009 Palmas Del Mar Humacao Invitational which is schedule to take place over spring break from March 9-11.

Rodriguez, Yankees make spring debut

By Fred Goodall
The Associated Press

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Back on the field, Alex Rodriguez was able to put aside the steroids scandal.

At least for a little while.

Booed and taunted by opposing fans in the Yankees' spring training opener, Rodriguez homered and drew two walks Wednesday in a 6-1 exhibition victory over Toronto that was anything but routine.

Rodriguez then got into an SUV that, according to the New York Post's Web site, was driven by Yuri Sucart — the person identified as the cousin in who provided Rodriguez with performance-enhancing drugs.

Yankees spokesman Jason Zillo said he could not confirm the identity of the driver.

It was Rodriguez's first game since admitting he took banned drugs from 2001-03 with Texas. He left after drawing a walk in the fifth inning,

and signed autographs for five minutes before calling it a day.

"This is what I do. I know how to play baseball," Rodriguez said. "I just hope that's the start of something really special for this year. I feel really good about our team."

There were lots of cheers for the three-time AL MVP, a smattering of boos and occasional catcalls from the crowd of 5,014 at mostly filled Dunedin Stadium.

The New York third baseman walked on five pitches in the first inning. Many in the crowd stood and cheered as he circled the bases after hitting a tiebreaking, two-run homer off Ricky Romero in the fourth.

"It was just a fastball I left up and he's a great hitter," Romero said. "He's going to hit mistakes and I made a mistake. I was just trying to be aggressive."

By the third time Rodriguez went to the plate, hecklers who earlier shouted "Hey, A-Rod, where's your cousin?" and "Madonna" were drowned out by applause.

"When you're playing, it's hard to focus on standing ovations or boos. You're just trying to go out there and do your job," Rodriguez said. "Again, I didn't see anything that was bad at all."

ThesluggerhaddinnerTuesday night with former Yankees star Reggie Jackson, now a special adviser with the team.

"I told him to hit the baseball. It's really an old story. It never really changes," Jackson said. "Hit the baseball, and hit it like heck. That's really about all that really matters."

The Hall of Famer also passed along some words from Yankees co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner.

"He said, 'You deliver this message: Just tell him hit the damn ball and hit it when it counts. That's really the most important thing that he can do. All the other conversations, they don't matter. The more you talk, the



MARY ALTAFFER | AP PHOTO

HELLO: Alex Rodriguez hit a home run in his first spring training at bat.

more you have an opportunity to make a mistake."

Rodriguez had said he was prepared for whatever reception he received. He high-fived teammate Robinson Cano as he crossed the plate after his homer, and received more cheers when he trotted up the left-field line to the clubhouse.

"Maybe I'm just so used to it," the 33-year-old Rodriguez said of the reception. "It's been a decade for me, going at it. I just felt really relaxed. This is what I get paid to do. It feels good."

Earlier, manager Joe Girardi talked to Rodriguez during the short ride on the team bus from Tampa to Dunedin, where Yankees fans arrived early and gave A-Rod a polite reception. There were some boos mixed with cheers during pregame introductions and again when he stroled to the plate for the first time.

"We weren't quite sure what it would be like today. It was a mixture of both," Girardi said. "We talked a little bit about today. Told him, we're with you the whole way. We're going to be here no matter what happens. I can't pretend to know what it's like to be in Alex's shoes."

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Strickland tightens control



Gov. Ted Strickland

This plan increases control over unionized state employees

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Gov. Ted Strickland is seizing tighter control over many state functions in his proposed state budget.

The plan gives himself or his Cabinet members broader authority over unionized state employees, public schools, state colleges and financially strapped municipalities.

The bill is peppered with instances where a new role is added for the governor, his higher education chancellor or other directors of the state agencies he oversees.

Chancellor of Higher Education Eric Fingerhut takes control of the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority, for example.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Deborah Delisle takes control of the Ohio schools for the deaf and blind, and state boards and commissions are placed under the authority of the Department of Administrative Services, headed by a Strickland appointee.

Necrophiliac may see more charges

CINCINNATI (AP) — The attorney for a former Ohio morgue worker convicted of sexually molesting a murder victim's body says more charges are expected against his client.

Defense attorney Norm Aubin said yesterday prosecutors have contacted him about the results of new DNA tests.

Aubin said he's been told that the tests show his client, 55-year-old Kenneth Douglas, had sex with two bodies at the Hamilton County morgue when he worked there as an overnight attendant from 1976 to 1992.

Aubin says he hasn't talked to his client about the new allegations.

Prosecutor Joe Deters declined comment yesterday. He planned a news conference today after a grand jury posts its findings.

Douglas was convicted in 2008 and is serving a three-year prison sentence. He was convicted of having sex with a body that was awaiting autopsy in 1982.

Judge's wife takes "whack" at crime

ELYRIA (AP) — The 70-year-old wife of an Ohio judge says teens who tried to rob her made her so angry that she whacked one in the head with a sauce pan.

Ellen Basinski says she was on the phone with her husband Tuesday when four boys pushed their way into her home in Elyria, west of Cleveland.

Lorain County Judge David Basinski overheard the scuffle and raced home, while his wife grabbed her favorite pan to defend herself against the intruders rifling through her purse and cabinets.

One of the teens told police he threw a bottle of whiskey at Basinski to distract her so another boy could flee. They ran from the house but were later caught and charged with aggravated burglary.

The judge says his wife is upset that police took the pan as evidence.

Death row inmate tries to raise \$5,000 for freedom

CLEVELAND (AP) — Supporters of a man who spent 20 years on Ohio's death row are working to raise \$5,000 in bond money that would keep him out of jail while he awaits a new trial.

Joseph D'Ambrosio, 48, asked a judge yesterday for permission to live in Parma with a woman who befriended him during his time in prison.

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Joan Synenberg deferred a decision on the request to a bond commissioner who will visit the friend's apartment to determine if it is suitable.

The judge said Tuesday that D'Ambrosio is eligible to be released from jail on a \$50,000 bond. He is required to post only 10 percent of that amount, or \$5,000.

A federal court has ordered a new trial for D'Ambrosio, saying prosecutors withheld evidence that might have cleared him.

D'Ambrosio was convicted of killing 19-year-old Tony Klann in 1988 and dumping his body in a creek. His new trial was scheduled to start Monday, but has been postponed. A new date has not been set.

The judge's decision to make D'Ambrosio eligible for bond was appropriate, said Ronald Frey, a board member of the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

"While the allegations are obviously of the most severe sort, the man has been afforded a new trial. As such, he is presumed innocent," Frey said.

The Ohio Public Defender's office is not aware of any

"There's going to be no misadventures after he's released"

Jeffrey Kelleher | Attorney

other cases in the state where a person who had been death row has been allowed out on bail, spokeswoman Amy Borror said yesterday.

A federal judge ruled in 2006 that prosecutors withheld 10 key pieces of evidence from D'Ambrosio and his lawyers that might have exonerated him. An appeals court upheld that ruling.

County Prosecutor Bill Mason said he is confident that there is enough evidence to convict D'Ambrosio again.

D'Ambrosio originally applied for bail with plans to live with the Rev. Neil Kookoothe, a pastor at St. Clarence Catholic Church in North Olmsted who ministers to death row inmates.

Jeffrey Kelleher, an attorney for D'Ambrosio, said that the Diocese of Cleveland might object to such a living arrangement, which is why D'Ambrosio asked the judge to allow him to live with a friend.

"There's going to be no misadventures after he's released," Kelleher said.

The friend, Rosalie Lee, said her daughter contacted D'Ambrosio by mail when he was in prison. She traveled with her daughter to visit him every week.

"I call him son and he calls me mom," said Lee. "He's a very good person."

Martin Luther King Jr. recording surfaces in Dayton

DAYTON (AP) — A filmmaker says he's discovered a long-lost audio recording of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. speaking at the University of Dayton in 1964.

David Schock said yesterday he discovered the 50-minute recording in a box of materials owned by Herbert Woodward Martin, a poet and retired university professor. Schock recently completed a documentary on Martin, who is known for his performances of Paul Lawrence Dunbar's poems and his own works.

Schock says the unlabeled reel-to-reel tape captures King discussing the state of race relations before an audience of more than 6,200 people in November 1964.

The late civil rights leader is heard telling the crowd, "We've come a long, long way, but we have a long, long way to go."

Martin says he didn't know he had the tape, never listened to it and is not sure how he came in possession of it.

Tobacco taxes may be on rise next year

By Stephen Majors
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — A Democratic state lawmaker said yesterday he will try to convince Gov. Ted Strickland that taxes should be raised on non-cigarette tobacco products.

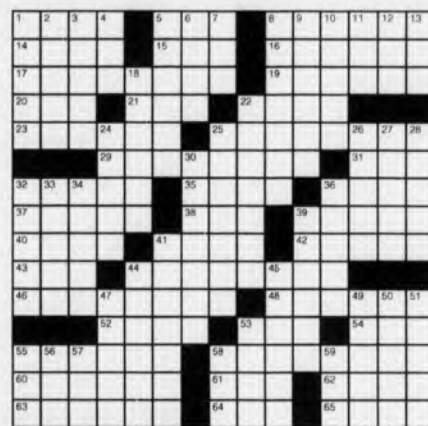
State Rep. Tyrone Yates of Cincinnati will try to put a proposal raising taxes on chewing tobacco, cigars and other non-cigarette tobacco products into the next two-year budget plan. Failing that, Yates will put the proposal into a separate bill. He wants to make taxes on non-cigarette products equal to the taxes on cigarettes, which are taxed at a rate of 55 percent of the wholesale price.

Smokeless tobacco products are taxed at 17 percent.

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ACROSS

- 1 Ready and willing companion
- 5 d'Isere, France
- 8 Cows and bulls
- 14 Stalemate
- 15 Actress/director Lupino
- 16 Overseas
- 17 Start of a quip
- 19 Hogs the mirror
- 20 Bedazzlement
- 21 Gaffer Ernie
- 22 Also
- 23 Wacky
- 25 Republican symbol
- 29 Part 2 of quip
- 31 Cover crop
- 32 Depleted
- 35 Brown shades
- 36 Swab brand
- 37 Tippy vessel
- 38 10 of calendars
- 39 False appearance
- 40 Singer Vallee

- 41 Kin partner
- 42 Wrinkles
- 43 Tavern brew
- 44 Part 3 of quip
- 46 Good fortune!
- 48 Paradise
- 52 Tracy's Trueheart
- 53 As easy as
- 54 Cape __, MA
- 55 Neville and Burr
- 58 End of quip
- 60 One with fair hair
- 61 Winner's letter
- 62 Selfsame
- 63 Senior
- 64 End hunger
- 65 Martial __

- 1 Ike's opponent
- 2 Ivy League school
- 3 Bathes
- 4 Woolly female
- 5 Bluish purple
- 6 Citrus drinks
- 7 Vegas intro
- 8 Lacking a lid
- 9 Exceedingly sudden
- 10 Actress Van Devere
- 11 Jones or Sawyer
- 12 Track circuit
- 13 Newspaper honchos
- 18 Mean explicitly
- 22 Bases of columns
- 24 Bedevil
- 25 Demanded with force
- 26 Sean of "The Lord of the Rings"
- 27 Racket
- 28 Uses a keyboard
- 30 Stars in Bordeaux
- 32 Scrawny individual
- 33 Sao __, Brazil
- 34 Brought to a close
- 36 Capital of Ecuador
- 39 Computer snag
- 41 Israel's parliament

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Mexican authorities say gunmen shot and killed the mayor of a town in the western state of Michoacan, the latest in a string of attacks against elected local officials. Michoacan state prosecutor Adrian Lopez says Vista Hermosa Mayor Octavio Carrillo was arriving at his home when four gunmen waiting for him opened fire. Carrillo is the sixth elected local official killed in Michoacan since June.

GENEVA SWITZERLAND

Antarctic glaciers are melting faster across a much wider area than previously thought — a development that could lead to an unprecedented rise in sea levels, scientists say in an authoritative new report.

BUENOS AIRES ARGENTINA

A British bishop whose denial of the Holocaust embroiled the pope in controversy left Argentina Tuesday after the government ordered him out, calling his statements "an insult" to humanity. Argentina's government on Thursday ordered the traditionalist Catholic bishop to leave the country or face expulsion for failing to declare a job change as required by immigration law.



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HAARLEMME NETHERLANDS

A Turkish Airlines jetliner plummets out of cloudy skies and plows into a muddy field in Amsterdam, but remarkably the vast majority of those aboard — some 125 people — survive. The nine dead include both pilots.

BEIJING CHINA

Trading fireworks for somber prayer, Tibetans marked Wednesday's arrival of their new year with mourning as Chinese authorities sealed off Tibet and Tibetan regions in western China to foreigners.



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BUSHEHR IRAN

Iranian and Russian engineers carry out a test-run of Iran's first nuclear plant, a major step toward starting up a facility that the United States at one time hoped to prevent from coming on line because of fears over Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

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